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For: Method for Regenerating Etching Solutions )	
Containing Iron for the Use in Etching or )	
Pickling Copper or Copper Alloys and an )	
Apparatus for Carrying Out Said Method )	

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1350

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.